

PETERSBURG.

THE CENTRAL LUNATIC ASYLUM—PLAN OF THE BUILDINGS DECIDED UPON—SOME DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW ASYLUM—SENTENCE TO THE PENITENTIARY—HEAVY RAILROAD TAX, &c.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

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A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Central Lunatic Asylum was held here this morning, at which the plan for the asylum building to be erected on the Williams farm, in Dinwiddie county, as drawn by Major Harrison Watts, was adopted. The design is what is known as the Lanier system, and the style of building Norman. It embraces a large central building, four stories in height, with an observatory on top, with a three-story wing on either side; one for the male, and the other for the female inmates. The length of the building is 646 feet, and when completed it will comfortably accommodate 450 inmates. Running through the floors of the main building are wide passageways, dividing the several apartments opening into the different wards. On the first floor of this building, are the superintendent's office, a large rotunda, which can be used as a chapel, dining-room for employees, the general kitchen, the assistant physician's office, the apothecary shop, steward's room, and general store-room. To the right and left are two wards on each floor, with infirmary wards at extreme end of the wings. Each ward has its own stairways, dining-rooms, and sleeping-rooms. The dining-rooms are connected with the kitchen by means of dumb-waiters and railways in the cellar, over which the food is transported. The wards are amply provided with water-closets and baths. The second floor of the main building contains the superintendent's chamber and sitting-room, steward's chamber, sewing and clothes-rooms, chambers of assistant physicians, matron, &c., bath, water-closets, and a large gallery over the rotunda, connecting with the wings. The third floor contains the attendants' bedrooms. On the fourth floor are the storerooms, the dissecting and dead-room. The space under the roof is occupied by water-tanks for supplying the whole building. The building is heated by steam and ventilated by mechanical apparatus. The foundation will be of stone, and the walls throughout will be of brick. It is estimated that the cost of the building, including the furniture, will be \$5,000,000. The structure fronts north, towards Courthouse, about a third of a mile from the road. It will be on a commanding position, and from the observatory all the country around can be seen, including the city and the river far below it. The building will be a very substantial and every convenience, and it is not expected that work will be commenced before October, and that the foundation only will be laid this year.

David Flournoy (negro) was tried in Dinwiddie County Court yesterday on the charge of attempting to commit rape on Emma Coker, a colored girl, residing in the township, on the 24th of August. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty, and the accused was sentenced to four years' imprisonment in the penitentiary.

The monitor *Fort at City Point* has been increased by the arrival of the *Canopus*, lately stationed in Florida. The fleet now comprises six monitors.

The Norfolk and Western railroad will pay a tax to the State this year of \$78,000 instead of \$19,000, as last year.

ROBIN ADAMS.

DANVILLE.

THE CASE OF MR. J. M. WILLIAMS—SUPERINTENDENT FAME AND THE COLORED PEOPLE—PERSONAL—MR. S. H. MILLER.

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Mr. James M. Williams, who had suffered amputation of one of his legs on the 14th of July, having been crushed by the wheels of some cars which he had been sitting on, and a heavy meal. The Richmond and Danville Railroad Company, in whose employment he was when the accident happened, had been providing an excellent nurse for him at the rate of \$25 per month, and he has assurances from one of the railroad officers that as soon as he is able to transact any business a position will be given him in which he can serve the company and support his family. The colored people have been kindred on the important of colored teachers in the public schools for colored people, Charles J. Daniel, formerly principal of the school for colored people at Louisa Courthouse, has been elected principal, and he has been given three male and four female assistants. These parties will be required to give an examination with him, as given the teachers of the white schools, and their salaries, I am informed by Superintendent Deane, will depend upon the character of the papers they submit, except in the case of Daniel, who has accepted the position at \$40 per month. Superintendent Deane says: "The call of the colored people on the teachers of their own race is a grand thing, but the very act of hindering the true education and refinement of the whole race and throwing far distant in the future 100 days of their long-expended condition of social equality. They are, and probably will ever continue to be, politically and civilly equal by law, but still they are colored people, and it is their duty to take care, before they reach at all approximate their desired home."

Mr. Richard P. Boatwright, of the bank of Johnston & Cheek, who left here for Buckingham county some weeks ago, a very great sufferer from rheumatism, has returned to his post, and is ready for duty.

During the week ending at the Rooms Association an excellent speech on missions was made by Mr. S. H. Miller, of Bedford county, who has been for many years afflicted with blindness. Mr. Miller, though blind, has kept as posted as the events of the day, and has times been an acceptable writer for the secular papers, having received before him a blind a very superior education from his father, the late Samuel Miller, one of the most distinguished teachers of other days. ALPHEA.

SOUTHAMPTON.

PLATT ON THE STUMP FOR DEZENDORF AND STRAIGHTFORWARD REPUBLICANISM—OLD MAN STARRIED.

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Yesterday being court-day in this county, as usual, there were today three and four hundred people present. Ex-Congressman J. H. Platt was here, and made a long speech in behalf of John F. DeZendorf and Straightforward Republicanism.

The negroes in this district used to idolize Platt, and to judge by the enthusiasm that greeted him yesterday, it seems they have not forgotten him. The colored people seemed to be largely in favor of John F. DeZendorf for Congress.

S. Brown Allen, who was killed for here, didn't put in an appearance, and the Republicans, with no one to cheer them but the Rev. George Gregory (colored), seemed sadly at a loss what to do.

James Byrd, a negro man about seventy years of age, received two serious stabs in the back last night while engaged in a drunken brawl. The man who stabbed him was from North Carolina, and made his escape for that State at once.

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